

REMARKS

Claims 11-29, 43-64, and 69-93 were pending. Claims 53, 61-64, 72 and 83 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 11-29, 43-64, and 69-93 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment.

Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

In the present Office Action, claims 11-29, 43-52, and 70-71 are allowed.

Claims 83-93 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

Claims 61-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. While the Applicant does not agree with the PTO's current position regarding the patentability of signal claims, Applicant has amended each of claims 61-64 to recite a computer readable storage medium in order to speed allowance of the present application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 69 and 73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. In order to facilitate allowance of the present application, claims 69 and 73 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a further application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 53-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,067,611. Applicant has amended claim 53 in a manner believed consistent with the subject matter deemed allowable. Therefore, claims 53-60 are believed in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 72-82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,112,283. As noted above, claim 83 is deemed to correspond to allowable subject matter. Claim 72 has been amended to recite features of claim 83 in a manner believed to overcome the art and place claim 72 in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes all claims to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe otherwise, the below signed representative requests a telephone interview to facilitate a resolution.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

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